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Conservation Reserve Program R	Program Before	Program After		Program Highlights
Conservation Reserve Program Conservation Stewardship Program	Conservation		$\cdot $	Reduce enrollment cap by 2018
Conservation Reserve Program hip Conservation Stewardship Program Program	Reserve Program		•	Acre step-down:
Conservation Reserve Program hip Conservation Stewardship Program				FY 2014 – 27.5 million
Conservation Reserve Program hip Conservation Stewardship Program				FY 2015 – 26 million
Conservation Reserve Program hip Conservation Stewardship Program				FY 2016 – 25 million
Conservation Reserve Program hip Conservation Stewardship Program				FY 2018 – 24 million
Conservation Reserve Program hip Conservation Stewardship Program			•	750,000 acre farmable wetland cap
Conservation Reserve Program hip Conservation Stewardship Program Conservation			•	2 million acre grasslands cap
Reserve Program hip Conservation Stewardship Program		Conservation	•	Remove specific reference to priority watersheds to allow for broader application of the authority to
hip Conservation Stewardship Program		Reserve Program		priority areas
hip Conservation Stewardship Program			•	purposes as an
hip Conservation Stewardship Program			•	Provide flexibility for increased managed harvesting and grazing
hip Conservation Stewardship Program			•	Repeal the Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program
hip Conservation Stewardship Program			•	Retain transition incentive payments (TIP), \$33 M for TIP
hip Conservation Stewardship Program			•	Authorize incentive payments for tree thinning
hip Conservation Stewardship Program			•	Allow enrollment in the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) and facilitates enro into the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
hip Conservation Stewardship Program			•	Limited early outs
hip Conservation Stewardship Program	Conservation			Raise program eligibility to two priority resource concerns
Conservation Stewardship Program	Security /		•	10 million acre annual enrollment
Stewardship	Stewardship		•	Contract renewal - must meet stewardship threshold for two additional priority resource concerns, or
• • •	Program	Stewardship	•	exceed stewardship threshold for two existing priority resource concerns during the contract
 Increase locally identified priority resource concerns to at least 5 		Program	•	Eliminate the forest land cap
			•	Increase locally identified priority resource concerns to at least 5

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		 Payment amounts based upon cost, income foregone, expected conservation benefits, extent to which priority resource concerns will be addressed, level of stewardship in place and maintained, degree to which conservation activities integrated across agricultural operation, and such other factors determined appropriate by the Secretary.
Wetlands Reserve		 Establish two tracks – wetland reserve easements (WRE) and agricultural lands easements (ALE)
Program Protection		 Allow landowner donation for ALE, so long as entity provides at least 50 percent of what the Secretary is contributing
Program		Waiver to pay up to 75 percent for certain grassland ALE easements
Grassland Reserve		 Reduce length of prior land ownership for wetland reserve easement eligibility from 7 to 2 years Authority for easement subordination, modification, exchange, and termination
Program		
Agricultural	<u> </u>	2015 - \$ 425 M
Conservation	on	2016 - \$ 450 M
Easement Program	Program	2017 - \$ 500 M 2018 - \$ 250 M
		New easement management authority limited to ACEP easements
		 Specify "wetland reserve" easements
		 Waiver to county cap for wetland reserve easements, excludes wet and saturated soils
		 Waiver to entity cash resources match for ALE, if landowner voluntarily donates the funding and the land is in active agricultural production
Environmental Quality Incentives		 Specify wildlife habitat development as a program purpose Revise to "at least" 60 percent of funds to go to livestock
Program Environmental	ntal	 Wildlife Habitat – sets a floor of 5 percent of funding and requires State Tech Committee review of
		 Extend advance of funds for historically underserved to 90 days and include veterans

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Concertive Conservation Partnership Initiative Agricultural Water England Fragram Conservation Great Lakes Basin Pragram to Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Frainership Program Frainership Program Conservation Frainership Program Conservation Conservation Regional Frainership Program Conservation Or other regional priorities Proplem Conservation Frainership Program Conservation	Program Before	Program After	Program Highlights
Regional Conservation Partnership Program			Contract term NTE 10 years
Regional Conservation Partnership Program			 Add performance reporting requirement Conservation Innovation Grants
Regional Conservation Partnership Program			 Payment limit - \$450,000 and waiver removed
Regional Conservation Partnership Program			• Funding: 2014 – \$1.35 B
Regional Conservation Partnership Program			2015 - \$1.6 B
Regional Conservation Partnership Program			2016 - \$1.65 B
Regional Conservation Partnership Program			2017 - \$1.65 B
Regional Conservation Partnership Program			2018 - \$1.75 B
Regional Conservation Partnership Program	Cooperative		 Establish new single partnership program by combining authorities of 4 existing programs (AWEP,
Regional Conservation Partnership Program	Conservation		CBWI, CCPI, and GRBP)
Regional Conservation Partnership Program	Partnership Initiative		 Project selections are competitive, merit-based, leverage partner funding, and address regionally
Regional Conservation Partnership Program			important resources
asin Regional Conservation Partnership Program	Agricultural water		 Projects may focus on water quality and quantity, erosion, wildlife habitat, drought and flood contr
Regional Conservation Partnership Program	Ennancement		or other regional priorities
Regional Conservation Partnership Program	Program		 Partnership agreements are for up to 5 years with potential 1 year extension
Regional Conservation Partnership Program	Chesapeake Bay		 Partner must contribute to the cost of the project, leverage funding and conduct assessment on
Regional Conservation Partnership Program	Watershed Program		conclusion of project
Partnership Program		Regional	 Allow the Secretary to waive AGI if needed to fulfill purposes of the program
Partnership Program	Brogram for Soil	Conservation	 Allow adjustments to discretionary rules of covered program with Secretary's approval, if requested by
	Frosion and	Partnership Program	partner
	Cadimont Control		 Funding is delivered through CSP, EQIP, HFRP, and ACEP rules
 Programs funding or acres (EQIP, ACEP, CSP, HFRP) No funding may be used to cover partner administrative costs Authorize the Secretary to designate Critical Conservation Areas for a period of 5 ye extended Include irrigation districts as eligible partners Include air quality as project focus Allow up to 8 critical conservation areas 	Sedillicit Collino		 Provide annual mandatory funding of \$100 million per year 2014-2018. Plus 7 percent of covered
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		 Can use watershed authorities (except rehab) in critical conservation areas Include municipal water or wastewater treatment entities as eligible partners Provide that irrigation history is not required for participation under limited circumstances Allow not more than 20 alternative funding arrangements with multi-state water resource agencies Allocate funding as 25 percent at State, 40 percent National, and 35 percent for critical areas
Voluntary Public Access and Wildlife Incentive Program	Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program	 Continue current authority at a reduced funding level Add performance reporting requirement Funding: \$40 million for 2014-2018

Other Programs and Provisions:

- Grassroots Source Water Protection Program reauthorizes at \$20 million per year and adds \$5 million mandatory funding through 2018.
- Conservation of Private Grazing Lands reauthorizes at same level of \$60 million per year 2014-2018
- can be authorized for each of fiscal years through FY 2018. Watershed Rehabilitation Program – provides \$250 million in mandatory funding in FY 2014, available until expended. Appropriations of \$85,000,000
- funding for land purchase in flooded terminal lake areas Terminal Lakes Assistance – includes \$150 million in mandatory funding for desert terminal lakes, and provides authorization of \$25 million for
- Regional Equity reset the threshold from \$15,000 to 0.6 percent of covered programs to accommodate variations in funding availability
- Adjusted Gross Income Sec 1605. AGI may not exceed \$900,00 and removes ability to waive for projects of environmental significance
- Authorize conservation program funds as no-year funds
- needs and where there is no practicable alternative. Emergency Watershed Protection Program— Authorizes the Secretary's to modify or terminate a floodplain easement to address compelling public
- Conservation Compliance –includes crop insurance as a covered program and authorizes \$10 million for the mitigation banking pilot
- Prohibition on breaking native sod –reduces crop insurance coverage and subsidy for a 4 year period in Prairie Pothole states for land that has never
- each program of the Secretary that pertains to the conservation of the lesser prairie-chicken. Lesser Prairie Chicken Conservation Report – requires a report no later than 90 days after enactment containing the results of a review and analysis of